

ABSTRACT

Simultaneous display of a page preview and an enlarged view of a spot on the page was so far impossible.

Supplied data for print is converted to bitmap data from which a previewer 33b simultaneously displays preview images in the page view display area 101, composite view display area 102 and zoomed-in view display area 103. Thus, the user can view a plurality of parallel, different-scale views of an object image to print at a time. To check different-scale views of an object image to print in the similar prior-art method, the user must change the displayed preview. However, the user need not to do that in the method of the present invention; that is, the operability can be enhanced. While displaying the preview images in the page view display area 101, composite view display area 102 and zoomed-in view display area 103, by keeping the images parallel one another, that is, an image corresponding to a spot or portion selected on another image changes when another spot or portion is selected, the operability can be further enhanced.